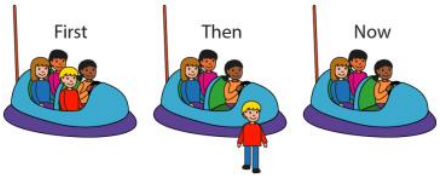
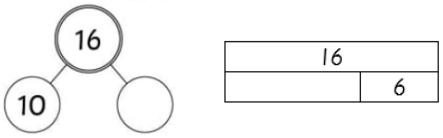
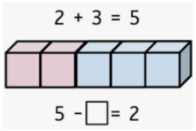
Year 1
Number and Calculation Vocabulary

Subtraction

subtract, take away, minus, fewer, least, fewest, less, smallest, **minuend**, **subtrahend**, quantity, **difference** between, represents, equals, **First…, Then…, Now… story**, part, whole, **part-part-whole model**, **inverse**, calculation, **operation**, **expression**, **equation**

Specific Vocabulary	Definition	Example
minuend	A number from which another is to be subtracted.	7 - 2 = 5
subtrahend	A number to be subtracted from another.	7 - 2 = 5
difference	The difference between two numbers, found by comparing the quantities.	7 - 2 = 5
First… Then… Now… story subtraction as reduction	A calculation story to help children understand numbers in a meaningful context. A narrative structure represents the change in a group of objects over time: **First** describes the initial quantity, **Then** details an action (like taking some away), and **Now** shows the final quantity.	 **First** 4 children were on the ride. **Then** 1 child got off the ride. **Now** there are 3 children on the ride.
part-part-whole model subtraction as partitioning	A model to show that a whole number can be split into parts. Subtraction can be used to find the missing part. Children use the 'cherry' part-part-whole model in Year 1 and may also be introduced to the bar model.	
inverse	An opposite **operation** that reverses a previous operation. Addition and subtraction are inverse operations.	
operation	A way to combine or transform numbers. The four main operations are adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing.	+ − × ÷
expression	A mathematical statement with no equals symbol. Think of an expression as a 'math phrase'.	10 - 3
equation	A full 'maths sentence' with an equals symbol to show that two things are equal. Think of an equation as a balance scale: both sides need to be equal for it to work.	10 - 3 = 7 7 = 10 - 3